

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

empowering people with disabilities



ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Our Mission is to help people with disabilities work, live in homes of their choice, and enjoy community life.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Though the state's budget impasse was the big news throughout the year, it had little impact on Opportunity House or the state funds we receive. The larger issue for us is the lack of increases in state funding over the past decade. With the cost of doing business going up each year, the lack of funding increases will continue to challenge us until the state gets its fiscal house in order.

Despite the state's ongoing funding crisis we had many accomplishments this past year. From receiving a 3-year accreditation from CARF to finalizing plans to consolidate operations to our facility at 357 N. California Street, it was a busy and productive year. How are we able to do so much and offer all the programs and service we do? It's you, our donors. Your support allows us to offer programming that goes well beyond what is funded by the state, programs like "Learning for Life", Special Olympics, the Aktion Club and Venture Crew. In short – your support puts the "quality" in the quality of life that our clients enjoy.

Take a few minutes and read through the report and you'll see we have a lot to be proud of. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for helping us empower those we serve to lead happy, healthy and productive lives.



Robert L. Shipman
Executive Director



YEAR IN REVIEW

- Received a 3-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in May. A three-year accreditation is the highest award given by CARF.
- With Kishwaukee College, held 5th Annual Art Show featuring artwork by students of the Learning for Life program.
- The Community Living Facility achieved 100% compliance on annual licensing survey.
- Hosted a joint DeKalb/Sycamore Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event.
- The Venture Crew 202 held its inaugural Court of Honor in October, recognizing the accomplishments of each Venture Crew participant.
- The Aktion Club created the Roger Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund and presented a \$500 scholarship to a Genoa-Kingston High School graduate at the Genoa-Kingston Senior Awards Night in May.
- Raised over \$38,000 for unfunded programs through "Chip into Charity" and Band Together" fundraisers.

- Developed an enclave employment site at Midwest Groundcovers, employing eight individuals there. A total of 16 individuals were placed in community jobs over the year.
- Honored five graduates of Learning for Life Level I and two graduates of Learning for Life Level II at the 4th Annual Commencement Ceremony at Kishwaukee College.
- The Aktion Club raised \$900 for the "Eliminate Project", a worldwide Kiwanis project to eliminate neonatal tetanus.
- Celebrated our 10th year of collaboration with the National Bank & Trust (now First Midwest Bank) for sponsoring the "Giving Tree" through the holidays.
- Finalized plans for the build-out at 357 N. California Street, Sycamore. When completed, all day program and administrative operations will be moved to that facility.



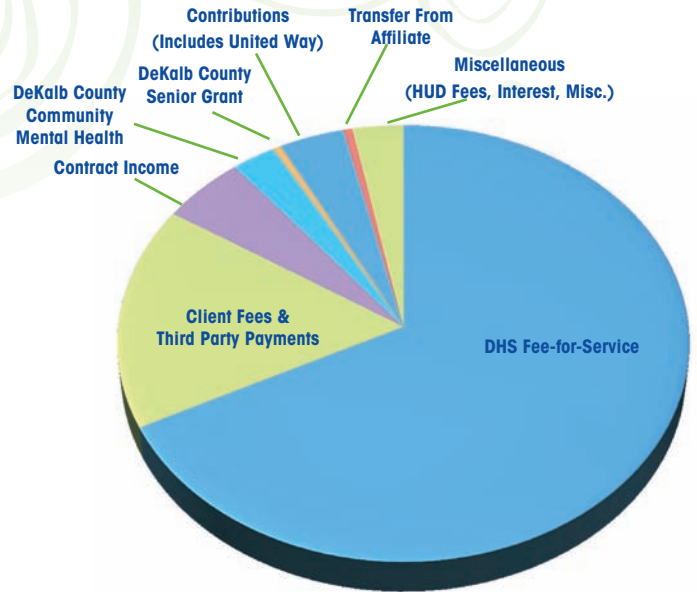
FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Staying financially healthy is critical to our success. We continually strive to control costs while providing the highest quality care.

REVENUE

DHS Fee-for-Service	\$3,835,536	67.7%
Client Fees & Third Party Payments	\$936,405	16.5%
Contract Income	\$288,804	5.1%
DeKalb County Community Mental Health	\$152,000	2.7%
DeKalb County Senior Grant	\$26,411	0.5%
Contributions (Includes United Way)	\$225,144	4.0%
Transfer From Affiliate	\$30,000	0.5%
Miscellaneous (HUD Fees, Interest, Misc.)	\$174,713	3.1%

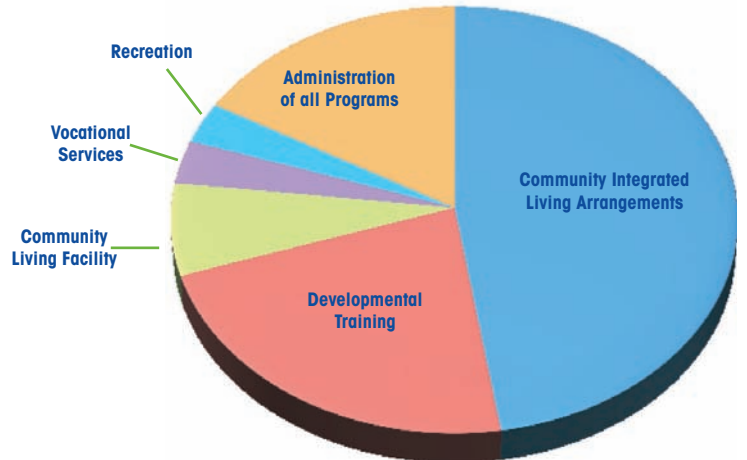
Total Revenue **\$5,669,013** **100.0%**



EXPENSES

Community Integrated Living Arrangements	\$2,699,153	47.5%
Developmental Training	\$1,276,917	22.5%
Community Living Facility	\$394,647	6.9%
Vocational Services	\$186,638	3.3%
Recreation	\$177,224	3.1%
Administration of all Programs	\$946,824	16.7%

Total Expenses **\$5,681,403** **100.0%**



MEASURING SUCCESS

In April, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) awarded Opportunity House a 3-year accreditation, the highest level of award given. Accreditation affirms our commitment to best practice and quality programs.

Vocational Services conducted an Employer Survey in May, receiving 100% satisfaction ratings in regards to the program and on-the-job supports provided by staff. Ninety-three percent of employers indicated that employees placed through Vocational Services met or exceeded expectations.

Satisfaction surveys were conducted with a random sample of 100 individuals receiving services, parents, guardians and other family members. Ratings of "Satisfied" or "Very Satisfied" were given by 90% of respondents.

Access Services of Northern Illinois (ASNI) conducted 120 surveys of individual client services and supports with no findings, reflecting that all the services and supports needed were being provided.



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